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Name Trace Request on Erwin BRANDT

REFERENCE: ECFA-20243, 10 February 1958

ACTION REQUIRED: None; for your information.

1. Available documents at Headquarters regarding Subject provide no additional information identifiable with Subject's activities since World War II. However, there are two CSNIC (Combined Services Detachment Interrogation Corps) reports which give a few facts concerning the WW II activities of one Erwin BRANDT who is probably identical with Subject.

2. According to these reports BRANDT was a member of Kommando der Sipo und des SD (KdS), Section IV, in Velde, which was part of the German Administration in Slovenia, Yugoslavia. He was designated as Chief of the News Service (sic) (probably Intelligence Section). He was reported to be a Reichs German Party member, SS leader and at one time lived in Berlin. He was later assigned to the Headquarters of General ROESNER (fnn) in Yugoslavia. However, after a disagreement, the nature of which is not specified, BRANDT returned to Berlin. In Berlin he was assigned to the RSHA (Reichsicherheitshauptamt), Abt A 1a, the specialist Referat in IV A (IV 1) concerned with Left Wing Opposition, Marxism, and the SPD. The inclusive dates of BRANDT's assignment in Yugoslavia are not reported.

3. A SHALF card concerning one BRANDT (fnn), an SD official, indicated that he was in Belgrade, in February 1944 as a Hauptsturmfuehrer, Leader of Abteilung IV, C. In October 1944 he was in the staff of the KdS (Befehlshaber der Sipo und des SD), Belgrade. The physical description of BRANDT (fnn) is similar to Erwin BRANDT except that his age is reported as 38. Erwin BRANDT would have been 45 in 1944. According to this report, BRANDT (fnn) was responsible for the most terrible atrocities at the Banjica (also spelled Jajince) prison of war camp outside Belgrade and was completely corrupt. He was also responsible for the interrogation and imprisonment of British Paratroops. In October 1943 he was concerned with Chetnik affairs.

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4. The Subject of Reference is of interest to SE-16000/ACIAPPOVE because he is allegedly knowledgeable concerning the EQUAL case. They have been following this case for sometime and would appreciate being kept informed regarding HEANOT's activities.

5. A check with ☐ ☐ revealed no traces on Subject.

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